Visit of World Bank Representatives in Andhra Pradesh

693. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank representatives had visited Tupran Mandal in Andhra Pradesh to study some water implementation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details discussed and decisions arrived in consultation with State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the aims and objectives of such visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) Govt of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the 4th World Bank Support Mission visited three minor irrigation tanks in Tupran Mandal, Medak District, Andhra Pradesh on 9th June, 2009. The Mission held meetings, among others, with Presidents of Water Users Associations (WUAs), WUAs Members and Support Organisations regarding involvement of the WUAs in supervision of works, display of social audit boards and WUAs involvement in contribution of corpus fiind. Awareness in the water users regarding the implementation of the project and repairs the Minor irrigation tanks were also discussed.

(c) A World Bank Review and Implementation Support Mission visited Andhra Pradesh during June 8-12, 2009 to review progress of the Andhra Pradesh Community Based Tank Management Project. The Mission met the Chief Secretary and other officials involved in the implementation of the project. The Mission made field visits to 18 project tanks in 6 districts.

(d) The World Bank Review and Implementation Support Mission visits the project once in every six months and conduct the field visits to review physical and financial progress.

Linkage of Sub-basins of Rivers

694. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government promised in May, 2004 to be exploring the feasibility of linkage sub-basins of rivers in States like Bihar, besides conducting a comprehensive assessment of the feasibility of linking the rivers of the country;

(b) if so, the studies conducted over the last five years;

(c) if so, the salient details of its outcome indicating action-proposals drawn, if any, for implementation of the steps which have been found to be feasible, appropriate and necessary; and

(d) the details of action-plan, if any, for implementation of augmenting balanced water-flow in rivers along the flood prone areas in Bihar, in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) of the last UPA Government envisaged